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Examiner : Mark A. Osele  
Group Art Unit 1734  
Applicants Naoyuki Tani et al.  
Application No. 09/786,001  
Confirmation No. 6419  
Filed : June 4, 2001  
For : WORKPIECE RETAINER AND METHOD FOR  
ATTACHING/DETACHING WORKPIECE BY USING THE  
SAME

New York, New York 10020  
May 2, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in reply to the April 8, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants are filing this reply before the expiration of the shortened statutory period for this reply - May 8, 2003 - and thus no extension fee is due.

Please amend the application as follows: